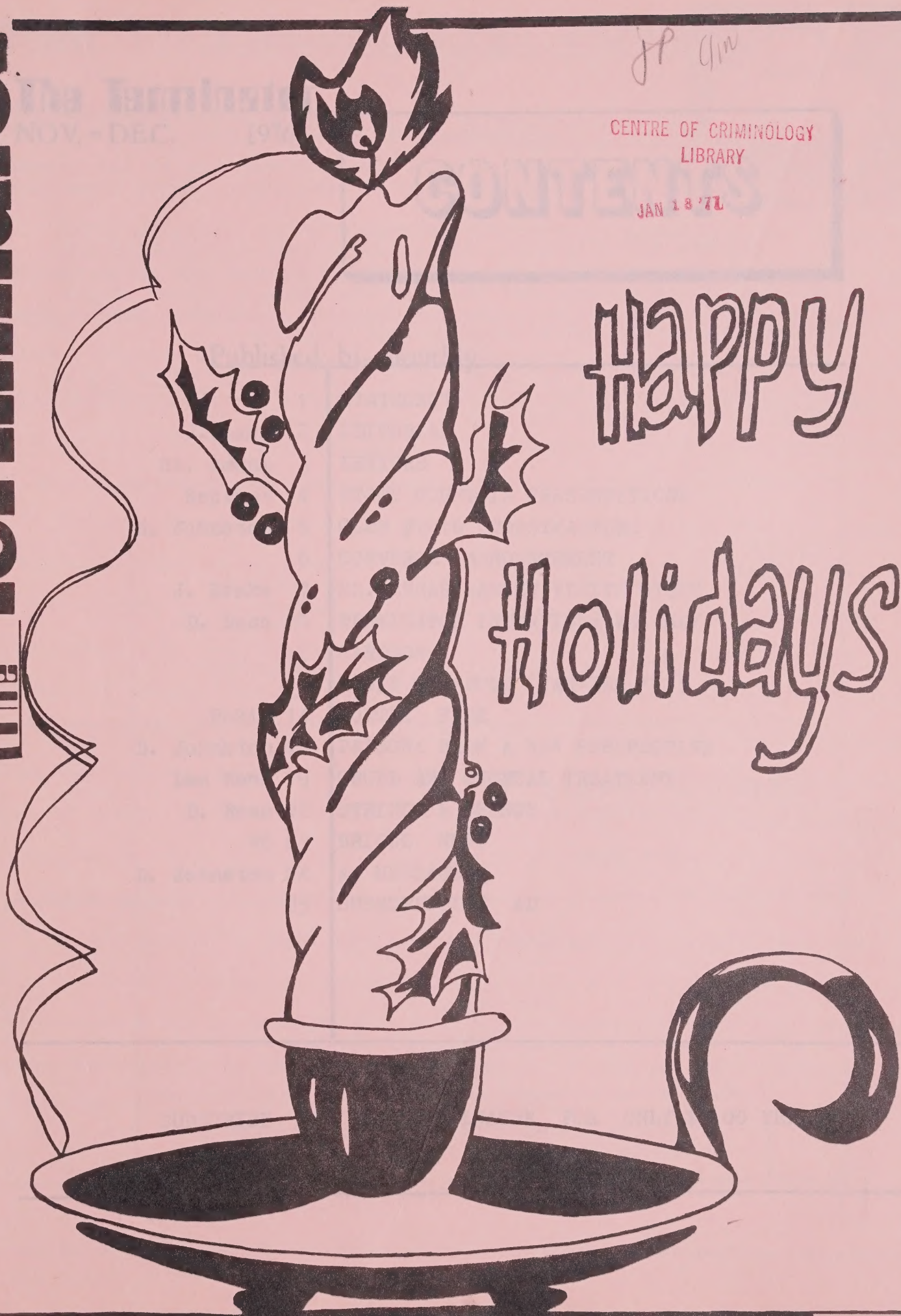


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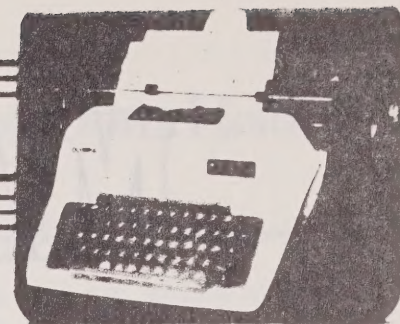
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From the

EDITOR



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! Every new year is looked forward to by everyone in here, since it brings one so much closer to that final release date. For those who are fortunate enough to be out for the holiday season we wish you the best, and unfortunately for those who are still confined within these walls there are at least some feastivities that can be indulged in, such as card tournaments, chess tournaments and bingo etc., with prizes going to the winners.

Instead of the \$25.00 allotted for each person to use for Christmas parcels, Ottawa has been kind enough to up the sum to \$30.00. However, only a minimal percentage of people in here can afford to pay this much which comes out of their Trust Fund. Transfer of money solely for the purpose of buying Xmas parcels, through Compulsory Savings, is not allowed.

This year we get no "late movies" during the holiday season. Reasons being not enough staff to work during this period and also the financial cost of having to pay the extra money for overtime. There are undoubtedly solutions to these problems, but then again it takes a bit of effort to put these solutions into effect.

When I say Merry Xmas & Happy New Year, I am also directing these thoughts to all judges, lawyers and politicians who are responsible to the people. A bit of holiday and pleasure are truly good for the consciousness. Hopefully good enough so that it will reflect in their rational and judgements in the coming new year. Bye for now.

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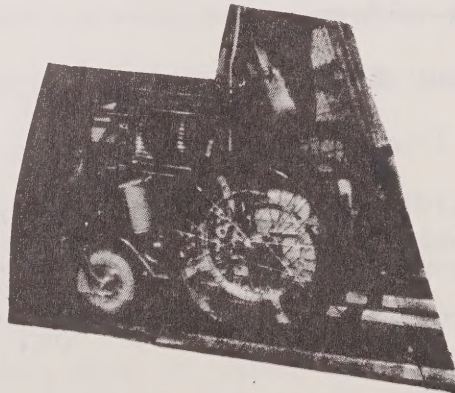
On behalf of the Sister's staff and children of the St. Amant Centre, we wish to extend to you our most sincere thanks for your donation of \$678.40 from your Walk-A-Thon. This brings your total donation to \$2,713.40 which is tremendous!

The electric wheel-chair has just arrived and you should see the enjoyment Paula gets on driving around by herself. How wonderful to be independent.

You have brought this joy to her - hope it brings joy and contentment to all of you.

P.s. We will probably spend the remainder on a coloured television or perhaps another chair depending on which is most urgent. Thanks for your effort to support us.

Sr. Bertha Dunbar
adm.



The third annual presentations and Conversazione to honor students participating in the Stony Mountain academic program was held at the prison on September 29.

The Conversazione was attended by students and their families and members of the university community. President Campbell brought greetings from the university and congratulated the students on behalf of the university.

Gordon Thompson, director of credit extension programs for the university, presented a progress report on the program. He said that during the three years that the program has operated, 23 courses have been offered with 162 students completing courses - 64 of whom participated in the program during the past year. Mr. Thompson also said that an evaluation of a questionnaire put to the inmates will hopefully identify areas where improvements are required.

The address was given by Dr. John Teunissen, head of the department of English, one of the first instructors in the program, and the recipient of an "honorary inmate" award from the students in the program. Dr. Teunissen spoke of his reminiscences of his participation in the program. He said, "in all my years of teaching, my experience here was my most important experience". He said that it was a "soul raking" experience. Dr. Teunissen chose works that would be relevant to the students such as The Odyssey by Homer because it was about a man journeying through hardship on the way back to his wife. He also chose Milton's Paradise Lost "because the scenes in Hell must be relevant". Dr. Teunissen commented that he had never had a freshman class that understood Paradise Lost as well as these students.

D.J. Lawless, dean of continuing education, presented certificates to the students and D.J. McCarthy, dean of Arts presented a book award to a student who had achieved a 3.95 grade point average (maximum 4.0) in a program of five courses.

Mr. K. Baksh of the occupational division at Stny. Mtn. said that the students in the program "have shown an incentive for a better and responsible life - let us continue to work with them".

A student rep. concluded the evening by commenting on education in penitentiaries from a prisoner's point of view. He outlined some of his own experiences as a student in the first course offered at Stony Mtn. "It was a shock on both the professor's and students' parts.....a 240 lb. professor explaining poetry to us". He also stated that the students were all gaining alot of personal knowledge and that excellent professors were assigned to the courses. However, on the negative side, he said the course distribution could be more favorable and perhaps of a longer duration. The classroom and library both need improvements and the students get no two week recess during Xmas or for the summer. He concluded by saying that 162 students have participated in the program and it should be continued.

GREAT COMEBACK LINES

"If you were my husband", Lady Astor said to Winston Churchill, "I'd poison your coffee."

"If you were my wife," Churchill replied, "I'd drink it".

by Daryle Johnston



The Toastmaster Club holds much promise for the future. Since last issue we have hosted the Area II, District 64 Annual Humorous Speech Contest. There were four participating clubs from the area. Naturally, our local hero, Tony Stoner, took top honours. Unfortunately, he only came in second in the District Finals a few weeks later.

We are also engaging ourselves in a community communication project. We are recording tapes for the blind. We do dialogues and commentaries from magazines, novels, and whatever else these people wish. This idea is spearheaded by one of our newer members. A lot of ideas have been presented and most of them will be adopted.

At the present time, our membership is fairly new to Toastmastering. The majority of the old members have either left, or will soon be going. That means that the future of the Bob Shewring Club is in the hands of the new members. Because of this, a number of educational topics have been discussed throughout most of our regular meetings. Hopefully, through this process, we will be able to bring the newer membership up in their experience and knowledge in as short a time as possible.

A speechcraft course is being presented to members of the Indian Metis Brotherhood Organization as well. For all those of you interested, a speechcraft course is an eight week process whereby one can learn the basis elements of speaking and speech making. It is a relatively inexpensive course and one well worth taking. We in Bob Shewring attempt to maintain a listing of interested parties. As soon as we have enough, we begin a new course. If you are interested in this, please feel free to contact Joe Petzold; our liason officer.

As I said, all things are going well. We are always seeking out new members. We meet in the reception centre each Monday evening at 7 o'clock, p.m. We serve free coffee; in lieu of other beverages. You are welcome to come along.

TOASTMASTERS is synonymous with better thinking, better listening, and better speaking. We can all use communication to better advantage. Speaking of advantages, we should jump into Toastmasters while we have the opportunity and find a world of information and education. Bye!

CONVERSE

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

CONVERSE and the MANITOBA HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE ASSOCIATION is proud to announce that Round 1 of SUPERDEBATE II will be held at the WESTWOOD COLLEGIATE on January 25th, 1977.

The final round will be held in STONY MOUNTAIN on January 30th. THE LOCATION OF THE DEBATE WILL BE ANNOUNCED. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Come and listen to some of the best debating in the province. The topic will be "Resolve that prison disturbances can serve a useful purpose." Learn about what is happening in different prisons across the country today. Learn why these things are happening and the positive and negative aspects of these events.

At the conclusion of the debate, there will be a socialization period. You will be able to converse with one or more of the thirty-five persons from the outside in attendance, and get their honest views on prisons today. Don't miss this opportunity. It comes once in a lifetime. Beverages will be served. For further information, contact John Piggott

THAT'S JANUARY 30th, at 7:00 P.M. LOOK FOR IT!!!!

ConVerse; A COMMUNITY EDUCATION GROUP ABOUT
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Canada's Correctional Investigator

talks with Inmate Welfare Committee

by John Ezako

On Oct.28/76 Ms Ingar Hansen the Correctional Investigator from Ottawa arrived at Stony Mountain Penitentiary to discuss with the Inmate Welfare Committee several important issues that were presented to her on an agenda. The questions and answers appear below:

I.W.C. Could there not be a proper diet set up by the Service?
The food in the institution is not prepared in an appetizing manner nor is the diet proper. ie. too many fried foods.

Ms Hansen Ms Hansen recorded several of the main problems within the kitchen area. She stated that these problems will be referred to the Commissioner of Penitentiaries who will in turn refer the problems to the Inmate Affairs Bureau. Ms Hansen also stated that recently there have been numerous complaints from inmates in Penitentiaries all across Canada in regards to the meals being served. I think she was a bit surprised to find also that not only were the inmates in here complaining but also the staff who do eat the meals here also.

I.W.C. Why are the directives written to cover all Institutions and not separate ones for Maximum, Medium and Minimum Insts? The inmates are not the same nor are the circumstances the same in all.

Ms Hansen Several similarities were noted between Stony Mtn. and Prince Albert which is a maximum penitentiary. There is still, in several areas of the prison, maximum physical appearances, rules and atmosphere. This should really not be so, since this Penitentiary is into the concept of the LU program which should have great differences from a maximum institution.

I.W.C. What is the purpose of the Citizens Advisory Committee and what can we do to help set one up here? Are there any directives we could have regarding this matter?

Ms Hansen Ms Hansen said that most of the effort to start a Citizens Advisory Committee in Stony Mtn. would have to come from the outside. Ms Hansen told us that she was speaking with Mr. Sandy McIver who is quite interested in the concept. He did in fact at one time (1974) try to structure something of the same nature as a C.A.C. here in Stony Mtn., but for some reason it never materialized. It seems that the only problem is that the guard's and LU staff's union would not like to see a recurrence of what happened at B.C.P. NO problem.

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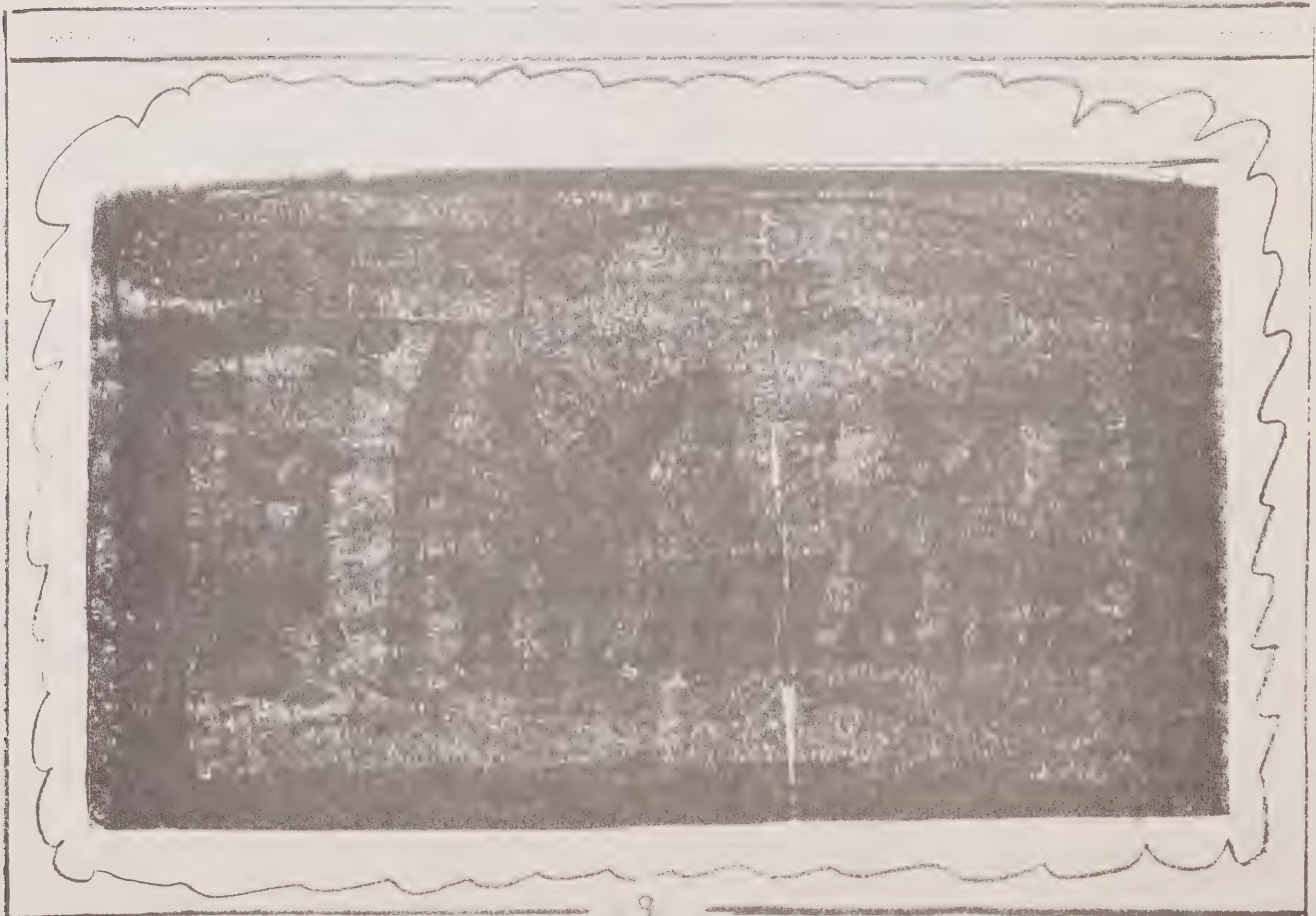
Ms Hansen continued by saying that the lawyers in Ottawa say that giving the money back is illegal, however the lawyers on the street other than ones from Ottawa say so, either individually or as a whole. From past cases it appears that the court case can be won. The law as Ms Hansen stated, will be changed and it is to go before parliament this fall.

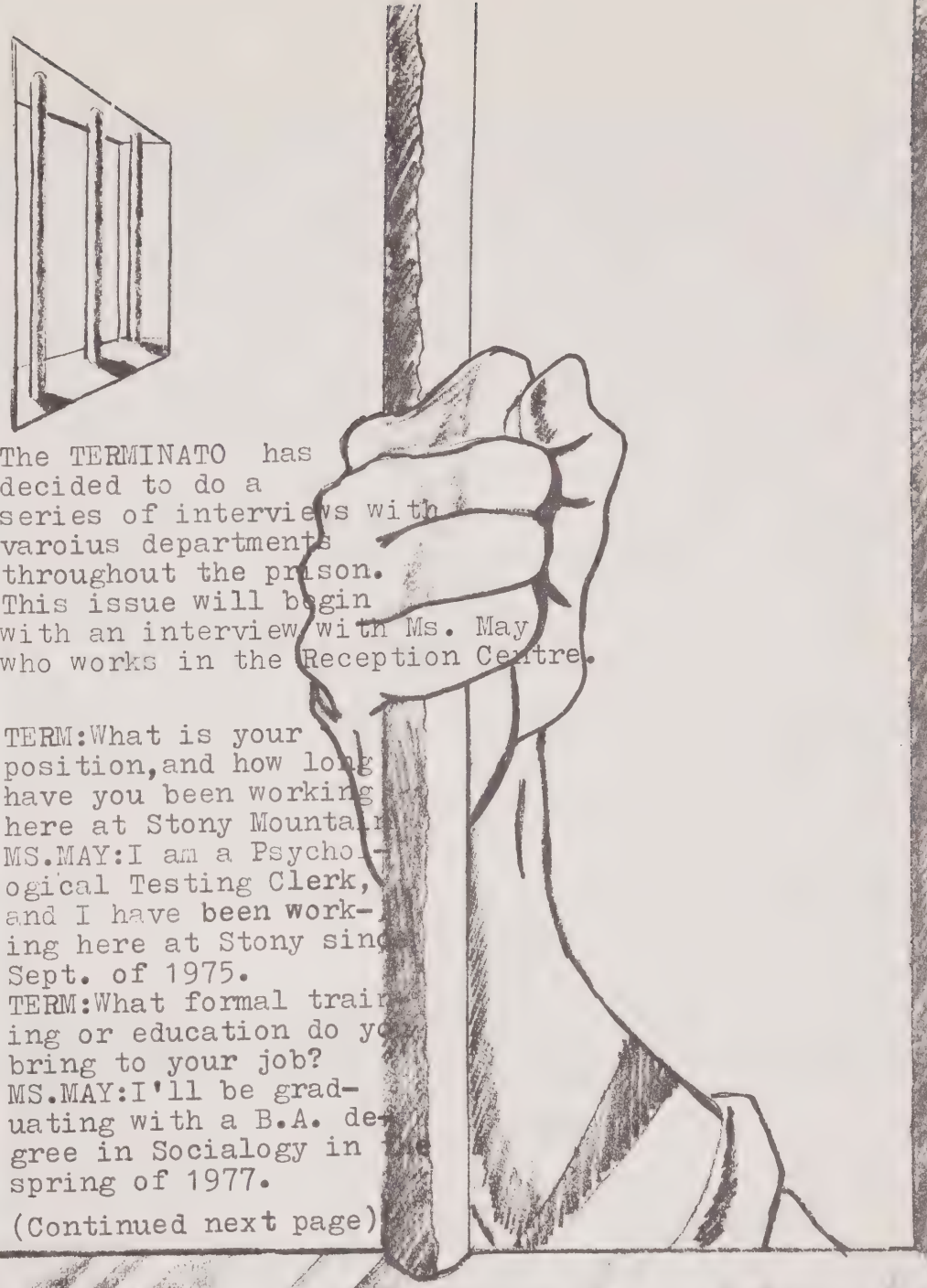
I.W.C. Are we entitled to see a copy of the management review that effects the inmates?

Ms Hansen Ms Hansen told us that she will find out whether or not we can have one sent to us and if so then she will have a copy sent immediately. She also is going to send the I.W.C. a copy of Inmate Rights.

The meeting ended at 11:45.

Ms Hansen also met the same day with the administrative staff and the Indian Metis Brotherhood Organization. She then left for Winnipeg to discuss other issues with people before going back to Ottawa.





The TERMINATO has decided to do a series of interviews with various departments throughout the prison. This issue will begin with an interview with Ms. May who works in the Reception Centre.

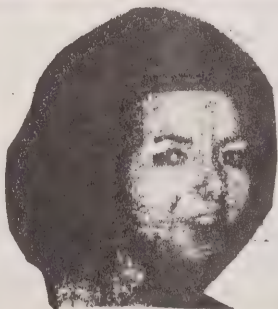
TERM:What is your position, and how long have you been working here at Stony Mountain?

MS.MAY:I am a Psychological Testing Clerk, and I have been working here at Stony since Sept. of 1975.

TERM:What formal training or education do you bring to your job?

MS.MAY:I'll be graduating with a B.A. degree in Sociology in the spring of 1977.

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Coming in for the first time ??

by Don Ross

Here's how they probe your mind.

Ms. May Psychological Testing Clerk here in Stony.

TERM: How many inmates are currently in Reception?

MS. MAY: There are ten in our new "class" who are just starting. These are "first timers" in the penitentiary.

TERM: How long do they spend in Reception until moving into the main population?

MS. MAY: Approximately 3 to 4 weeks.

TERM: It's obvious that recidivists and newcomers will eventually be in population together, so why are they kept separated?

MS. MAY: Both types are considered "maximum security", but in Reception only. A "newcomer" may never have committed an offence before. They are assessed for their potential in a medium security situation. So some first offenders could possibly be sent to Prince Albert, which is a "maximum Security" prison.

TERM: What percentage of first offenders are sent to a "maximum security" pen?

MS. MAY: Less than 1%.

TERM: What percentage of recidivists are sent to Prince Albert?

MS. MAY: A very small percentage. If someone were to escape from Stony Mountain and was recaptured, it would cause him to be re-classified as a maximum security risk. He would then probably be transferred.

TERM: Getting back to the newcomers, what type of tests are they subjected to?

MS. MAY: We call these tests an Orientation and Diagnostic program which takes between 3 to 4 weeks to complete.

TERM: What do these tests tell you about a man?

MS. MAY: These tests are not specifically designed for incarcerated people but are also used in industry, i.e., people applying for jobs, etc.

TERM: What is the average I.Q. in Stony Mountain?

MS. MAY: We use the Beta I.Q. test. This test gives us a fair idea of a man's potential to work in here. The average would be from 90 to 109. Above average would be in a range of 110 to 119. A

person does not have to be literate to take this test as it is visual. Since I have been giving these tests, we have had three men with I.Q.'s over 120, which is in the "superior" range.

TERM: Do any of these tests given tell you if a man is a good or a bad risk for parole or the temporary absence program?

MS. MAY: Not at this point. It would be too soon. If a man is "depressed" it might show up in the tests. (Editor's note) We think that just being in here would depress anyone.

TERM: There is a lot of public furor over violence these days. If a man comes in as a violent offender, is there any particular test given as an assessment?

MS. MAY: Occasionally a psychiatric assessment might be called for from the Parole Board.

TERM: A recidivist who has been out of jail for a long period may return to the pen years later. Why is he "shuttled" into population without even a tour (orientation)

of the institution?

MS. MAY: Eventually we hope to be able to test everyone, newcomer and recidivist alike.

TERM: Right now, this prison is vastly overcrowded. What would be considered the ideal number of inmates in a prison this size? We're speaking now in terms of being able to partake of inmate programs.

MS. MAY: Around 250 would be better for a prison this size. (present count is about 460) Men are now going directly to work from the Reception area because there are not enough cells available in population.

TERM: Let's talk about the tests again. What other tests do you give inmates?

MS. MAY: We administer psychological tests to determine the inmate's feelings and attitudes of the moment, and give the psychologist something to work with.

TERM: How many people are there here

"We have had three men with I.Q.'s over 120, which is in the superior range!..

trained in this work?

MS. MAY: We have 2 psychologists and 1 psychiatrist on staff.

TERM: What is the average education of newcomers arriving here?

MS. MAY: The average, on the whole, is grade seven. An inmate can arrive with no education at all. He could reach a grade six level by going to school for six months with serious study.

TERM: What happens during orientation?

MS. MAY: Well, we have physical education with films at 9:30 am Monday thru Friday. Visits and Correspondence come down and explain visiting rights and writing priveledges. Also the Sentence Administrator comes and explains about sentence and remission(good time)

TERM: Do you see any changes in the near future as far as inmate programs are concerned?

MS. MAY: Yes I do. What will happen in Phase III of the Living Unit Program is this; a group consisting of the inmate's Classification Officer, an L.U. from his Living Unit, a psychologist, plus occasionally, his Parole Officer, will be able to sit down and discuss any problems he may have. These people will be designated to specific Living Units and will deal only with the men they are assigned to of that Unit.

TERM: One last question. What would you personally like to be able to do in your job here as a Psychological Tester?

MS. MAY: (Laughing)I would like to be able to have informal rapp sessions with the new comers in Reception.

TERM: That might prove interesting. Thank you for your time today.

MS. MAY: Your welcome. I hope you can write an interesting article out of all this.



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JAN. 2 - - - -LUCKY LUCIANO

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JAN. 14 - - -DEVIL WITHIN HER

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M O V I E S

JAN. 28- - - -CAPTAIN KRONAS VAMPIRE HUNTER

FEB. 4- - - -CONFESSIONS OF A POP PERFORMER

FEB. 11- - - -HELL'S ANGELS 69

FEB. 18- - - -BOBBY JO AND THE OUTLAW

FEB. 25- - - -JEREMIAH JOHNSON

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...Hakim

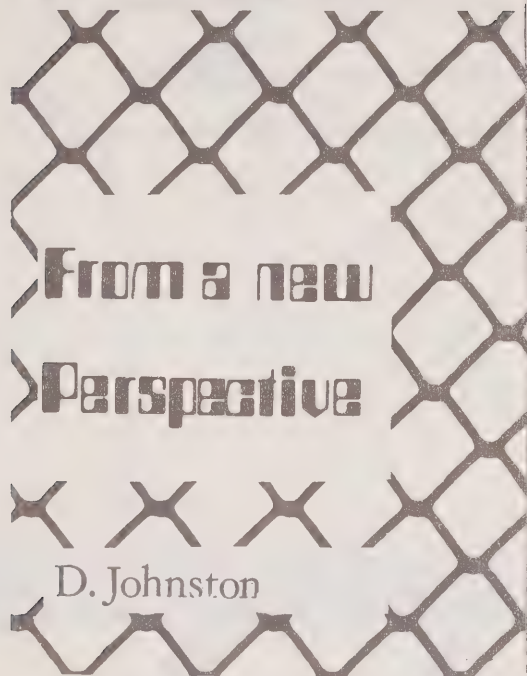
Eregoles of time
minute spans of rhyme
particualr senses as thine
and love shall never find
words to fill your mind
until life is full of mime
and then you too shall dine
on blood that tastes like wine
until the day you die

THE MAN WITH THE HAND

...Hakim

Merging with the wall;
darkness; to the call
ever so swift and ever so bright
see the vision of the light
See the hand with lace entwined
and merging, in shadows,
hard to define
but growing still and never atrest
hold that hand and life we shall test
The wristing is clear
i'm afraid to say
and we shall come to find our way
As words grow dim and worlds unfurl
and children chant and satan curls
Yes, see it now as it comes to rest;
look at it's blood, rapidly spent
while in the bowels of our dear earth
life goes on with hell's creation
and a child's birth

prison



From a new

Perspective

D. Johnston



Lately I have heard numerous comments from people and on the radio and television about the prison system, its defects and the worthlessness of inmates. On a recent radio program, two of our inmates attempted to answer some of the charges made against inmates and fend off some of the hostility towards prison. They were, for the most part, unsuccessful; not because they were incapable, but because the public doesn't know anything about prisons and because the public is so biased that they refuse to recognize the truth of the situation.

The greatest publicity, of late, has been towards the incidents that have occurred in various penitentiaries across Canada. There is much talk of a "tightening up" in the service and much fear over riots and hostage taking incidents. These are valid fears and valid reactions. However, valid is not the same as sensible. Nor is it the same as effecting worth-

while means of stopping these events.

Prisons are, and always have been, places where people are punished. They have never been able to create rehabilitation. They have never been able to prevent crime. They have never served as a crime deterrent. They have never prevented hostage taking. They have never prevented riots. The only tangible evidence of the results of prison and the penal system, is the unarguable high level of recidivism; this stands at presently approximately 83% ! Can we say that a system with an 83% failure rate is successful? Can we say that in view of the fact that those people making up the 83% are damaging you or your property? I find the concept of prison as a deterrent and as a punishment a joke.

Certainly, prisons are harsh punishment. Punishments exist in this system that would make your hair stand on end and your toes

curl at the mere recital of some of the statistics at my command. In addition to this, there are forms of punishment that are more subtle in their application but that are even more embittering than the more obvious forms of physical pain. More about punishment later.

I am also piqued at the reasons behind many of the slanderous comments made concerning inmates. I am angered by some of the obvious uneducated and childish reasons for the opinions and beliefs that so many laymen seem to have. Some of the concepts about we inmates are so ridiculous that I won't even comment at any more length on them.

I have yet to hear some good comments about prisoners expressed by the average citizen. I would like to hear someone talk about the fact that each Christmas, the inmates, who have little, give most of their candies to charities such as the Jean Vanier Homes, the Manitoba Crippled Children's Association, and the Manitoba St. Amant Society. I would like to hear about some of the things that inmates have done to raise funds for these charities and present shows for them. These places are neglected by YOU, the citizens of the community. You want to shut them up, away from your sight because they are defective. There is something wrong with them so you wish to keep them from your sight, lest they insult your vanity.

We inmates have always thought of those that are less fortunate than ourselves. Right, you say you gave to the United Way Campaign and the March of Dimes? Great! But do you ever give some of your time to go see how those people are; some of them as old or as young as your own children? Do you ever get involved in programs to

bring those people out of their shells. Do you offer to take one into your home on Sundays, or to a movie, or on a picnic? The statistics available will indicate that you do not, by and large, care one way or the other about what happens to those people.

As a point of interest, we inmates, in almost every penitentiary in Canada, do care, and we do attempt, as much as possible by the limitations of our environment, to help them. We care about those less fortunate than ourselves. We care about ecology. We care about animals. We care about people. We care about life. We just plain CARE!

Inmates are a very misunderstood type of person. We commit a crime, regardless of what it may be, and, as any person within the treatment division of the system can tell you, there is definitely something wrong. Sometimes, ideas and beliefs are implanted in our minds that cause us to do certain things; just as there is something implanted in your mind that tells you to set up a home for your children and get a good job. There are problems with emotional immaturity just as you may have problems making ends meet because you've overextended your budget. There are problems with alcohol just as you may have problems with smoking. There are logical reasons for the fact that most of the inmates have been in consistent trouble. There are treatments that can be applied if the proper environment and the proper attitudes were used. There are ways to prevent people from committing another crime once they have been placed in prison.

This is not to say that all inmates have these problems. There are, however, some that do; and they can be treated. There are a few, and I mean a few, who can not be

treated. There are some who will never quit their lives of crime. For the most part, everyone quits eventually save for that few.

When a person enters prison, he is instantly stripped of his dignity and his individuality. He becomes a number rather than a name. He loses his identity. He is crowded into a small area with hundreds of others; like cattle in a stock yard. He is alienated from and by his family and his loved ones. He becomes one of the lonely faces.

The system, at present, makes a man bitter rather than cause him to reflect on his crime. Most of these inmates can be reached in the first year if they were given the proper programs and if there were people willing to help them. It is only after a period of inactivity that an inmate becomes bitter. It is only after he finds that he is in a position where there are relatively few chances of a release that he reaches that state of mind that dictates his bitterness.

A lot of the people out there are calling for capital punishment. They feel that if you hang a person who commits murder, that it will act as a deterrent to everyone else. This is not so. Just to give you a few statistics about this: less than 1% of all persons who serve a life sentence and are paroled, ever return to prison. Not only that, but you probably know a few and don't even realize this. Some are teachers, lawyers, social workers, radio disc jockeys, and professional people of all sorts. A lot of people serving life sentences eventually get pardons and lead a normal life. Unless they tell you that they were in prison, you would never suspect that this is the case.

In asking for capital punishment, consider this point also. When your dog is ill, do you take him to the basement and hang him by the neck? Of course not. You have enough feeling to at least take him to the Vet and have him "put to sleep" with a painless injection or painless gas. The dog just goes to sleep. You don't even have that type of consideration for another human being.

In condoning all those persons doing life sentences, you are also condoning yourself. Our society is such that events are taking place all the time that give cause for man's perpetual annihilation of man. Yes, I truly believe that. I am a man of peace but there are many things that could make me kill; just as you can be able to kill. I may become intoxicated and hit someone with my automobile. The life of a member of my family can be threatened. I could be fighting my own private war; just like countries but only on a smaller scale. I could be deranged. There are many possible reasons for a person to commit murder. There are also people serving life sentences that did not commit a murder but that witnessed a murder and wouldn't testify for the prosecutor, thereby, making them accessories. There are people who have been in possession of drugs that are serving life sentences.

What about a workable system? What about setting up prisons that are considerably smaller and hold a maximum of fifty inmates? What about a system that enables each inmate to make some decisions and learn the value of responsibility? What about prisons being close to a major city where inmates could work and pay room and board while they are being treated? What about the people out there, YOU, the layman, trying to accept inmates as

people who have made a mistake ?
(With proper treatment and help
they won't make any more)????????

These are the questions that
you must answer. These are the re-
asons why so many people are com-
ing back to prison. Ultimately, that
hurts you more than them because
you pay the taxes. You support the
system; make sure your money is
being spent the best possible way.

One of the ideas that was
expressed some time ago by a noted
psychologist was the idea of a re-
motely placed city. It would oper-
ate the same as any other town
anywhere else in Canada. There
would be industries. There would
be shopping centres, entertainment
centres, police force (security),
automobiles, children, wives, dau-
ughters, ministers, psychiatrists,
psychologists, sociologists, and,
hospitals. For all intents and
purposes, a village. The inmates ,
with their families; if they have
them, would develop the necessary
responsibilities required to live
in today's society. They would have
the full benefit of treatment pro-
grams. They would have to learn to
live normally.

I don't feel that it is a

great deal to ask the public when
I request that everyone keep an
open mind about prisons and in-
mates. I know that there are valid
reasons for some of the angers ex-
pressed by the public, especially
in these days of inflation and
hardship. However, you must know
that someday we will return, we
must return, to your society. I
would think that it would be best
for all concerned if we were ready
and able to cope with the realiti-
es of life out there rather than
have to retreat into an old patt-
ern in order to exist.

I am not crying about being
in prison. I have committed a crime
and I certainly should not have. I
am only asking that things be cha-
nged enough so that most of the
people in prison today can lead
normal, productive lives in socie-
ty. I don't think that's alot to
ask. After all, it's you who will
receive the benefits as much as I!

Think about it. If you want
to know more about prisons and
about the way it really is, con-
tact either CONVERSE, or THE JOHN
HOWARD SOCIETY in Winnipeg. They
are both in the phone book. From
them you can learn much more than
I can put down in these few pages.



Is This
And Unusual

Cruel
Treatment?



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...no law of Canada shall be construed or applied so as to...impose or authorize the imposition of cruel and unusual treatment or punishment....

Canadian Bill of Rights (section 2)

The lock-up is entirely inappropriate as a place at which prisoners should be held for long periods of time while awaiting trial. There is no work there, there is no exercise yard there. Conditions are entirely inappropriate for the detention of a man presumed to be innocent while waiting for trial....I would be prepared to go so far as to say that long detention at the Public Safety Building lock up would constitute cruel and unusual treatment.

-Mr. Justice O'Sullivan of the Manitoba Court of Appeal in the case of The Queen vs. C., October 6, 1976.

CONDITIONS IN THE P.S.B. LOCK-UP

The following description of some of the conditions in the P.S.B. lock-up are a combination of personal observation, common complaints and comments from prisoners, and information from police officers:

* We understand the lock-up has a capacity for about 140 males and 30 females, and 19 the average week-end

inmate population is from 40 to 45. There often are not enough blankets or mattresses for everyone in custody, such that prisoners are commonly required to sleep on metal slabs which are hard and cold, resulting in sleeplessness, aches and pains.

* There are no sheets, pillows, or sleeping attire for the inmates, and the available mattresses are not covered. Prisoners are required to sleep in their street clothes or in their underwear or naked. These conditions can create a health hazard, and exterminators have had to be brought in occasionally to clean up the cells.

* Toliets are open to view to others in custody. Privacy is impossible unless the prisoner is placed in isolation or happens to be alone in a cell block.

* Several closed circuit television sets are set up in parts of the jail, about half of which are usually trained on toliets. Eleven television screens are lined up at the entrance to the lock-up, on the fourth floor of the Public Safety Building for viewing by the goalers, or by any (male or female) standing just inside the neterance to the lock-up, including lawyers, police, vistors, and various people employed in the Building.

* Telephone calls are difficult for the small staff to handle, given the number of such requests and other duties of the staff.

* Unshaded lite bulbs are left on 24 hrs. a day. There are no lite switches and anything put up by the prisoners to shade the lite bulb is taken down(probably as a fire hazard.) Prisoners complain that these conditions result in their having little or no sense of time or direction. There are no watches allowed or clocks on the walls.

* No fresh air or outside exercise whatsoever is available to any prisoner. Each day consits of long hours with nothing to do ecept play cards and read magazines. There are no radio or televisons and the windows are

situated so high that prisoners can't look out of them to pass the time.

* The small visiting allows no more than 4 or 5 visitors who like the prisoners must stand up through out the visits tobe able to talk through small wire covered openings. It is difficult for prisoners and visitors to hear and see each other and impossible to touch in any way. Convicted prisoners have far better facilities in provincial and federal prisons.

* There is little or no apparent clasification or seperation of prisoners according to age, previous record, seriousness of current charges, or mental state.

* There is no canteen from which a prisoner can purchase cigarettes, reading or writing materials, soap, fruit or candies.

* Prisoners who stay in the lock-up for any length of time complain of rapid loss of weight due to the quality and quantity of the food.

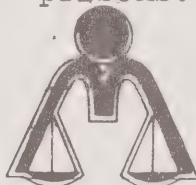
* Medical, dental, psychiatric and social services are not readily available to the prisoners. Most of such services are obtained at the Health Sciences Center, which requires that one or two police officers go with the prisoner. This is extremely inconvenient when the lock up and the police dept. are already short staffed.

* There are no posted rules.

* We understand that solid steel doors seperate the staff and the prisoners, making it difficult for the prisoners to gain the attention of the staff for any reason at all. This creates a danger of suicides, kangaroo courts and brutalizing of certain prisoners within the cells- all of which events which have been known to occur.

* Complaints about these conditions are made to police officers and numerous other people who claim nothing can be done.

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STRINGS & THINGS

D. Ross

If you read last month's strings and things we promised you three things. The first one was "How many strings on a five string banjo. I know that a lot of you have been on pins and needles wondering what the answer is. We wrote to Nashville Tennessee's Grand Old Opr'y and they have informed us that there are 5 strings on a 5 string banjo. Isn't that interesting, hmmm?

I also had a talk with "Herbie the K" to find out how to save on batteries by wiring up your cell. He tells me that it is very easy. You get a 25 foot extension cord. Then you plug it in to the wall outside your cell and run it into your house! Nothing to it Herbie says....

Our 4 inside bands are busy rehearsing for the Xmas Concert scheduled for January 2nd. We now have a new Yamaha guitar amp and a bass speaker bottom rented, so the groups should get a pretty good sound this year. There will also be some comedy skits done to lend variety to the show. I hope all the population turns out to this show, as there is no better way for a musician to gain experience than to perform to a "live" audience.

The Entertainment Committee has arranged for two well known Winnipeg groups to come in for a show. We hope that this show will increase your enjoyment of the holiday season considering where we're spending it. Joy Noel gang.

COME TO THE RECREATION HALL

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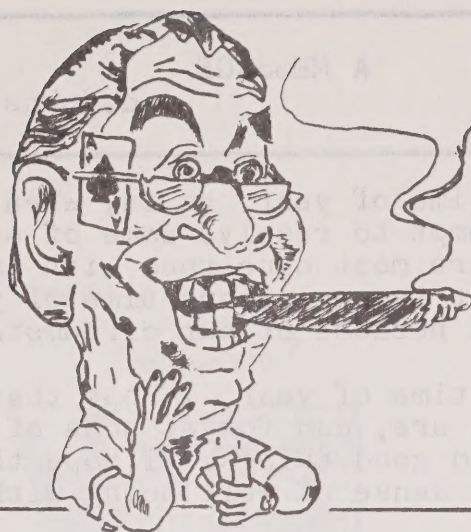
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AMERICAN BRIDGE



CONTRACT LEAGUE

A new season began early in September. Cowan and Chemin won a Blue Ribbon event around that time. This pair, along with Vogt and Nychka have been grabbing points fairly often.

One of the highlights for me anyway, was a N.T. bidding lesson by Mel Stover. Buddy Cavanaugh and I played N-S that night and it seemed the cards were fixed, as we had a ball in N.T. all night.

A few pairs have been out to play at Seven Oakes fairing ok. Jim Wilkie and Victor Dziawa entered the Regionals. We haven't got Jim's score yet and Vic bogied. This is why (with a little help from my friends) I am temporarily trying to keep things together here.

Gim Ong, a Life Master, who plays here frequently, has written an interesting article for the A.C.B.L. Bulletin about our club. It includes several hands that were played here. It's people like Gim, our Director, Mrs. Doris McLure, and Shelley Lugtig, that have helped us immensely in upgrading our play. Don't forget Mel Stover!

The Continent Wide Charity Game went down last night, and while my partner and I are moaning, it was a success. A few hassles getting 24 boards played and spilled coffees. The analysis of the hands afterwards proved interesting. I don't have the scores yet, but hopefully they will be included. In closing, I would like to invite new players to our Wednesday night sessions.

Anyone interested in reading the Bridge Bulletin can borrow mine or join the A.C.B.L. for only six bones a year. Anyone interested in becoming the bridge manager see Gladys McClure. Take care W.C. Bradford on A2 is to be the new club manager for in here.

George S. Kaufman was an avid bridge player. One afternoon following a particularly devastating defeat, his partner got up and announced that he was going to the bathroom. "Fine," quipped Kaufman. "This will be the first time this afternoon I'll know what you have in your hand."

A MESSAGE

...d.johnston

It is that one time of year, again, when we reflect on the past twelve months and attempt to resolve some of our differences. It is that time of year when we are most concerned with one another and the events occurring about us. It is a glorious time of year and one that I know many of us will miss out on because of our circumstances.

At this special time of year, I hope that all people, everywhere, regardless of who they are, can forget some of the bad things and think about some positive and good things. I hope that we can all use this time to grow and develop a sense of well being with which to enter the new year.

There are changes in the air. There will be many new and exciting things happen over the next year that we can all take advantage of and use to great benefit. Even though there may be problems about us, we can always have something to look at and marvel at it's goodness.

I hope that next year will see the resolution of some of the problems we are presently facing. If we all work as a team, and try; I mean really try, we can overcome any obstacle. If we can pull together, there is much that we can do here for ourselves. There is much that we can do to improve things for those who will follow as well.

This past year has been graced with many ridiculous happenings. On more than one occasion, we have lost certain privileges because some are not concerned enough to use utilitarian principles; doing whatever is good for the greatest majority. Too many of us have hidden our heads in the sand and gone our merry way without regard for others or for the things that others have attempted to build. Hopefully, we can all learn to respect the little that we do have and make maximum use of those.

In closing, I'd like to wish for all to have as much of a Merry Christmas as they possibly can. Reflect on things to come and things that have gone. Next year we'll have a lot of fun.

GREAT COMEBACK LINES

Marc Connelly, the screenwriter and Algonquin Club veteran, was sitting at the renowned Round table one afternoon when a man walked by and ran his hand over Connelly's bald head. "That feels as smooth as my wife's ass," the man said. "Yes," said Connelly, "it does."

TERMINATOR EDITOR LEAVING

John Ezako, our esteemed Editor will be leaving the magazine with the completion of this issue. John put in many many hours of work here and always turned out top quality editorship. He will surely be missed by the staff on the paper. Good luck John in what ever you do.

YOO-HOO, BABY BRUDDER, DEAR!
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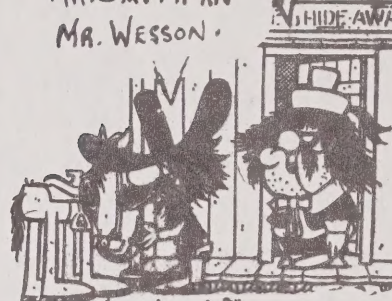
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